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Application of: Michael W. LEVITEN

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Examiner: Paras Jr., Peter

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For: TRANSGENIC MICE CONTAINING UBIQUITIN-SPECIFIC PROTEASE GENE  
DISRUPTIONS

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application, the Applicant requests entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks. The Applicant submits concurrently herewith a Petition for the Extension of Time for response to the Office Action for a period of three months from September 6, 2002 up to and including December 6, 2002.

**THE AMENDMENTS**

**In the specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4, starting with the heading "Field of the Invention", with the following paragraphs:

**Related Applications**

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/217,350, filed July 11, 2000; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/223,169, filed August 7, 2000; and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/301,214, filed June 26, 2001, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

**Field of the Invention**

The present invention relates to transgenic animals, compositions and methods relating to the characterization of gene function.